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SUBJ: NAIROBI NEWS PAPER RUNS BERBERA PHOTOS, SUPPORTS

DIEGO GARCIA

1. NAIROBI'S LEADING NEWSPAPER, THE DAILY NAIROBI, PUBLISHED
A HIGH-ALTITUDE DOD PHOTOGRAPH OF BERBERA ON SATURDAY AND
THREE MORE IN ITS SUNDAY EDITION, TOGETHER WITH SOMALI AND
SOVIET PROTESTATIONS THAT NO SOVIET BASE EXISTS THERE, AND
FOLLOWED ON MONDAY WITH A STRONG EDITORIAL CONDEMNING THE
SOVIET PRESENCE.

2. DAILY NATION EDITORIAL SAID THE PAPER HAD FOR YEARS
STEADILY OPPOSED ANY BIG POWER MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN
OCEAN, PORT CALLS BY FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS, AND U.S. EXPANSION OF
DIEGO GARCIA, BUT IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENCE OF SOVIET MISSILES
AT BERBERA THE CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE IS "NOT OPERATIVE
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ANYMORE."

3. EDITORIAL ADDED: "THE LOGIC OF THE SITUATION, THEREFORE, MAKES THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN DIEGO GARCIA NOT ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE BALANCE OF POWER (TERROR) BUT WELCOME. THE TRAGEDY HERE IS THAT THIS BALANCE OF POWER(TERROR) DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF THE NATIONS BORDERING THE INDIAN OCEAN. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET MISSILES IN SOMALIA. CONSEQUENTLY, SOMALIA IS TO BLAME FOR THE EVENTUAL CONFRONTATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THIS IS SO BECAUSE BY ALLOWING INSTALLATION OF THESE MISSILES ON HER SOIL, SOMALIA HAS VIRTUALLY REMOVED ANY ARGUMENT FOR A ZONE OF PEACE AND SILENCED OPPOSITION TO MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE MAJOR POWERS IN THE OCEAN."

4. "IT IS NAIVE TO ASSUME THAT THE SOVIETS WILL NOT USE THE PRESENCE OF MISSILES IN SOMALIA TO ADVANCE THEIR INTERESTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THE RED SEA AND THE ADJACENT TERRITORY."

5. NEWS PAPER SAID "NOBODY SHOULD BE FOOLED BY THE RHETORIC" OF SOVIET AND SOMALI PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE IN THE MATTER.

6. PHOTO DISPLAY AND EDITORIAL SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF FACT NO KENYAN NEWSPAPER RUNS CRITICISM OF AFRICAN NEIGHBOR WITHOUT HIGH-LEVEL APPROVAL. PHOTOS NO DOUBT GIVEN THE PAPER BY GOK.
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